## **Key bid elements**

The State of Michigan relies on hundreds of private companies for design and construction services for state facilities, and a number of laws set requirements for companies that provide services to the State.

#### **Certificate of Awardability.**

Bidders must comply with the State's equal opportunity employment laws. Bid packages for projects with a base bid of \$100,000 or more must include a Certificate of Awardability from the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. This certificate is available from:

Michigan Department of Civil Rights Contract Compliance Team Cadillac Place 3054 W. Grand Boulevard, Suite 3-600 Detroit, MI 48202 Telephone (313) 456-3822

Bid, Performance and Payment Bonds. Companies that submit bids of \$50,000 or more must furnish bid, performance and payment bonds. These bonds protect the State as well as subcontractors, material suppliers and laborers. More information about bond requirements is available from



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Insurances. Contractors must carry liability insurance against damage to State-owned property and must provide full Worker's Compensation coverage.

# About DMB and its divisions

Facilities Administration is a service division of the Michigan Department of Management and Budget. Its more than 300 employees provide customers with design, construction and management services to improve, preserve and protect facilities, workplaces, properties and the environment. The administration also oversees State government's real estate and building operations and security and emergency management services.

## To learn more

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Design and Construction Facility Services



How your business can do business with the State of Michigan



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#### Building your Michigan business

Each year, the State of Michigan spends millions of dollars with private contractors for facility design and construction, landscape design, demolition, environmental engineering, renovation and maintenance. Doing business with Michigan businesses expands opportunities for the state's entrepreneurs while it obtains the most affordable facilities and services for Michigan taxpayers.

Contractors on State projects work in partnership with the Department of Management and Budget's Facilities Administration professionals.



Cedar River Marina, North Basin, 2006 Cedar River, Michigan

On the cover: Monroe Welcome Center, 2006 Monroe, Michigan

#### Locating State contracts and resources

Design and construction firms may explore opportunities with the State by:

- visiting <u>www.michigan.gov/</u> <u>BuyMichiganFirst</u> and
- clicking on the "Design and Construction Contracts" link.

This Web page links visitors to a number of resources, including:

- advertisements for professional services,
- advertisements for construction bids and
- potential construction projects.

#### Projects with Michigan school districts

The "Design and Construction Contracts" link also connects companies to construction announcements placed by Michigan schools. Contractors may review upcoming projects by choosing the "Advertising for Construction Bids" link and then "School Organizations and Building Construction."

DMB provides this site as a service to school groups and links contractors to individual school Web sites. DMB does not have additional information about these projects. Questions about school construction projects should be directed to the schools.

#### Buy Michigan First

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm understands that strengthening opportunities for the state's small businesses contributes to economic prosperity. Through her Buy Michigan First directive, the Governor put Michiganbased businesses, products

and services first in all State purchases and contracts.

The Governor's directive also charged DMB with taking this message to the public. Since April 2006, staff have told more than 4,000 small businesses about these opportunities. Buy Michigan First events continue to be held at locations across Michigan. Coming events are publicized at <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/BuyMichiganFirst">www.michigan.gov/BuyMichiganFirst</a>.

## Committed to Michigan businesses

While the Governor knows it's important to provide opportunities for Michigan businesses, she also knows that Michigan must purchase its goods and services at the lowest possible cost. "With all things being equal," preference for contracts is given to a Michigan company.

The Buy Michigan First initiative is not intended to prohibit businesses in other states from competing for contracts but to include Michigan firms in every contracting opportunity.

The Governor knows that doing business with Michigan companies doesn't just boost opportunity for them. It simply makes good sense.

## Preference for vets

A bill passed in 2005 gives qualified disabled veterans an advantage when submitting competitive bids.